

Dear Mr. Pai,

My name is Andrew Savage, and I am emailing you today to urge you to please do NOT repeal Net Neutrality. I say this because without Net Neutrality, the internet will become LESS competitive, not more so. This happens because, without Net Neutrality, cable companies would be able legally to favor certain websites over others, whether for ideological or financial reasons. If this occurs, it would allow those companies to slow access to certain sites if doing so favors them (we saw this happen when Netflix was slowed by Verizon--your old boss), charge users for access to particular websites over others (those with more money have more information, essentially), and anyone with ideas that conflict with cable companies' interests could have their access and/or website slowed down, ergo inhibiting viewers' access to the content, thus indirectly infringing upon that person's First Amendment rights.

With Net Neutrality (Title II protections, to be precise), the internet has been a quintessential example of the "American Dream" and meritocracy: Those with the best content and distribution reap the benefits.

However, if those with the most money have access to the best content (and no, the idea that "well you need money to pay for internet or TV packages!" is not the same here), then that meritocracy is tarnished and the internet will begin to reflect the income inequality from which our country suffers: Pay-to-play, those with the most money disproportionately fare the best while those with less have slim chances of competing.

If you care about American capitalism and the "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" mentality, PLEASE keep Net Neutrality intact. I understand that your Verizon and other cable company donors want you to repeal this, but please understand that they do not legitimately care about innovation; their concerns are ultimately profit margins (you, a former Verizon lawyer, should know that), so if you genuinely care about American innovation, it NEEDS the internet to thrive.

If we lose Net Neutrality, those with the most money will soon govern creativity and innovation, and if you believe that, at least be transparent about it.
If not, PROTECT Net Neutrality.

Thank you for your time,

-Andrew Savage